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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the November 7, 2002 Office Action, the statutorily shortened response period for which ended on February 7, 2003. An accompanying petition requests a one-month extension of the response period to March 7, 2003. Please consider the amendments and remarks set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 1 and Claim 22.

Please replace the indicated claims with the claims set forth below. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(ii), Attachment A contains the marked up version indicating all the changes made.